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Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application. Our first Status Inquiry of November 20, 2000 has not yet been answered.

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2. One Return Postcard.

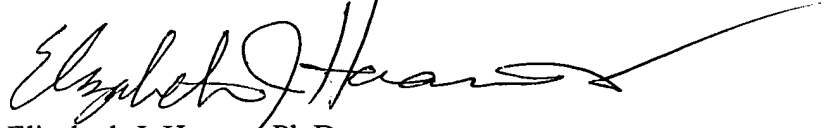
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth J. Haanes", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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